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SUBJ: OTECHSTVEN FRONT ARTICLE ON ISRAELI RAID

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1. ARTICLE CITED REFTEL FRONT PAGED IN OTECHSTVEN  
FRONT APRIL 14 UNDER HEADLINE " THE DIFFICULT  
MISSION OF ROGERS."

2. BEGIN QUOTE. THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE  
WILLIAM ROGERS SUMMONED DIPLOMATS OF 13 ARAB STATES  
ACCREDITED TO WASHINGTON TO INFORM THEM HIS GOVERNMENT  
" HAD NOTHING TO DO" WITH THE SLAUGHTER UNDERTAKEN BY  
ISRAELI COMMANDOS IN BEIRUT AND AT CAMPS OF PALESTINIAN  
REFUGEES. WHAT DOES HE MEAN " NOTHING TO DO WITH IT?"  
DOES IT MEAN IT DIDN' T HAPPEN AT ALL, OR THAT  
ISRAELI ACTIONS ARE NOT DISCUSSED, MUCH LESS CONDEMNED,  
BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS? HAS THE UNANIMITY OF VIEWS  
BETWEEN TEL AVIV AND WASHINGTON REACHED THE POINT  
THAT ROGERS DOESN' T HAVE THE COURAGE TO CONDEMN,  
ALBEIT SHYLY, THE ASSASSINATIONS IN BEIRUT?  
DURING THE MEETING ROGERS ASKED THE ARAB DIPLOMATS  
TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THEIR GOVERN-  
MENTS HALTED BROADCASTS OF ARAB STATIONS REFERRING  
TO AMERICAN COMPLICITY IN ISRAEL' S ACTIONS. NATURALLY,  
ROGERS FAILED TO MENTION THAT ONLY RECENTLY HAD THE  
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US GRANTED ISRAEL MORE THAN \$500 MILLION DOLLARS,  
MOST OF IT FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. WHAT A DIFFICULT  
THING ROGERS IS ASKING, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION  
THE FACT THAT AT THIS SAME MEETING ROGERS TOLD THE  
GROUP THAT HIS GOVERNMENT TREATED WHAT HAPPENED IN  
LEBANON AS NON- EXISTANT ( NESUSHTESTVUVASHTO). WHAT  
WORDS CAN YOU LOOK FOR IN THE RICH DICTIONARY OF  
DIPLOMACY OTHER THAN COMPLICITY IN ORDER TO DESCRIBE  
THE RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE US." END QUOTE.  
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